



Only He Gets The Glory

Summer 2013 Review

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:37,38

"We are blessed beyond measure" does not seem to be an adequate statement to describe Summer 2013. This marked the third summer of missions for Crossroads. Truly, God continues to answer our prayer for laborers for the harvest! After three years of working the fields and planting seeds, the harvest is being seen in so many ways. God continues to provide partnership to allow the ministries to move forward. We are extremely blessed!

"Go"

Through the summer months, over 20 churches were represented on missions with Crossroads. Nearly five hundred individuals came on missions from the beginning of June through the middle of August. Each week, these teams assisted the various ministries impacting McCreary County. Many arrived with preconceived ideas of the mission work



awaiting them, but quickly learned the number one rule of missions, "Be fluid".

The Lords Café

We continue to be blessed with the resources to serve community lunches five days a week during the summer. Mission teams members and our faith family worked together all summer to provide these meals. We saw an overall increase in the number of meals served. On our busiest day this summer, over 270 lunches were served.

This summer, over 7,600 lunches were served; more importantly, each of the meals were prayed over. Even through the busiest days, God provided enough help.



In addition to the free lunch, God continues to shine favor on us and a relationship with an area Walmart store. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, we pick up a van full of produce, meat, breads, and other grocery items to use and give away. Because of these donations, we served free meat several days throughout the summer.

This included two days of baby back ribs (twenty five racks each of the days). Not a bad meal for free! The majority of our produce for salads and sides came through donations. Don't forget, The Lord's Café is the only restaurant serving homemade yeast rolls and desserts almost daily!



A back screened in porch was added this summer with the help of mission teams and Crossroads faith family. The porch provides a place to do "Out of the Box" ministries and clothing give-a-ways. Since the numbers increased for lunch, we have to use the entire dining room to serve lunch. The porch allows us

The Harvest

This summer, we witnessed the Holy Spirit and the power of the Gospel move in the hearts of people!

16 individuals came into relationship with Christ this summer through the various outreach ministries!



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Leaning Forward In Faith & God's Provision

Snap shot estimate of The Lord's Café during the summer months:

- Food—\$9,000 (over and above donated food)
- Electric—\$1,200
- Propane—\$800
- Water—\$360
- Lease—\$2,250

Over \$13,500 to operate the café this summer. God provides!

The café was also used by most of the mission teams for breakfast, dinner, and nightly debriefs.

to leave clothing and other items out for community. New ceiling fans were purchased and installed as well.

The Learning Center

Why do one week of VBS when you can have seven weeks of day camp? A full day of Day Camp ran from 10AM until 4PM Monday through Thursday. Each day, the kids had the equivalent of two VBS days. Many incredible truths about Christ were taught this summer. Worship was always a blessing to hear the kids sing praise to our God! Friendship between the kids and mission teams blossomed through the week. On a typical day, almost every kid present lived with the effects of drugs or uninvolved parents. Simply loving the kids was a huge impact for both the kids and mission team members.



At The Learning Center, Crossroads maintained and expanded ministry opportunities even in the middle of summer missions. The Landing (Celebrate Recovery for students) continues to grow as walls are broken down. Man Church and Women's Bible Study continued through the summer months. Many great things are happening with these Bible study times as well. Self-defense classes and one on one mentoring are a couple more activities going on to reach community and provide discipleship.

Some of the mission teams stayed at The Learning Center even though the bathrooms were not finished. We are thankful for the McCreary County Middle School for opening up the showers and school for mission teams. The bathrooms are getting closer to completion. The major hurdle still remains the pump station for the sewer line. We are still very short of the \$9,000 needed to have the pump station purchased and installed. Inside, the walls are painted, lights are almost all the way in, the toilets and showers are ready to be turned on, and we are awaiting sinks. This is a long way from where the status of the bathrooms in March! Thank you for everyone's continued help!

All the bunkrooms, classrooms, and office have drop ceilings and air ducts! We also have acquired another small office space in the building to help facilitate the growing needs of the ministry. The building continues to be used for many ministries throughout the week living up to the name "The Learning Center".

Laundry Mat Ministry

This ministry continues to be a great place to make contact with community. During the summer months, approximately \$300 a week was used to wash community clothes. The laundry mat owners have been extremely gracious to help this

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Construction

Through the summer months, mission teams provided labor and resources for several home owners in the area. Many of the home owners made grown men cry. Much sweat and effort went into each home to make the home a better place to live. For two homeowners, the summer teams helped replace burned homes. Other projects were not as much effort, but the impact was still huge! Quickly, the focus turns for construction to the relationship with the homeowner.



ministry continue. We have an invitation to use the building on Wednesday for tutoring adults in the area that are have no transportation or resources for educational help. We are asking for prayer support with this opportunity.

Horizon

For rookies going to Horizon, a bit of uncertainty and anticipation can be sensed. Upon returning from Horizon, a blessing was both given and received. The time at Horizon is filled with sharing, crafts, dancing, and singing. By the end of the week of missions, Horizon has a special place in everyone's heart.



"Without A Box"

This summer, we challenged each week of missions to be "Without A Box". This summer the mission teams rose to the challenge! "Without A Box" included cleaning a disabled ladies apartment; clowning at a doctor's office and at The Lord's Café; installing and giving instructions for 36 car seats; school supply and clothing shopping; block parties in various locations; sno-cones during the food give-a-ways; lawns mowed; nails painted at The Lord's Café, laundry mat, and Horizon; hair cuts; medical screening; free eye clinic; one on one tutoring. Each of these were avenues to reach into community and share Christ's love!



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Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.
Ephesians 6:18-20

Prayers Answered!

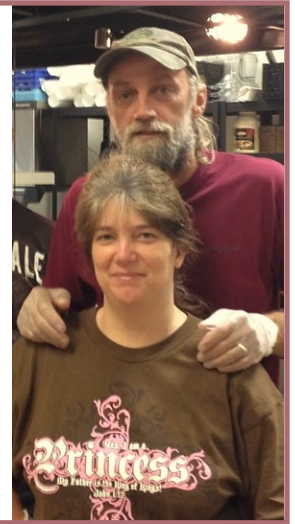
We prayed for boldness in witnessing. God answered the prayer! People came into relationship with Christ at the laundry mat, at The Lord's Café, at Day Camp, from the faith family, and random encounters. Discipleship plans are being developed and started. The baptismal trough is being used more frequently.

Prayer was emphasized more in preparation and during the summer this year. Simply put, prayer is essential to the start of each day. This is true not only for missions and ministry, but true for everyday! God has been breaking the bondage of religion. During the past couple months, the Jehovah's Witness presence in the area has been increasing. We have also had individuals from the Mormons connecting in with Crossroads. To God be all the glory! He continues to weave the tapestry of our faith family together!



Leaning Forward By Living Out Christ

Our lives intersected with Lonnie, Karen, and family two summers ago at a moment of crisis. Over the course of our journey of life, God has been working even in through the difficult times of life. Lonnie and Karen are now full time volunteers with the ministries at Crossroads. Both are very active with various areas of ministry living out Christ.



Our Family

The summer months are extremely busy for our family. Early mornings and late nights are our daily schedule from the beginning of June until mid-August. This summer, we were able to claim some special time with the family throughout the summer craziness. Our kids love meeting the new teams each week. Some weeks are reconnecting with friends from previous times, and other weeks the kids are making new friends.



Our friends who are now serving internationally!

As a parents, we are excited to see our kids involved in a faith based ministry of living out Christ and loving people. Our kids are developing Christ eyes for community. We were blessed to take some time away in Florida again this year. Now, we are gearing up for another year of homeschool.

Our family is extremely thankful for the prayer and financial support given to us. We are in a critical need to increasing our support as our cost of living has increased over the course of the past few months. We have been blessed with clean bills of health; however, the clean bills of health have come with medical bills. As some of you are aware, our friends from Alaska came to visit us at the end of summer.

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This family has been very gracious to allow us to live in their house for a very low rent. We want to help our friends out by increasing the amount of rent we pay. Will you prayerfully consider monthly support?

The Take Away

This summer, we have met some amazing individuals! We are allowed to see God work in individual's lives. For the vast majority, God is allowed to work; for others, self hinders the full impact of missions to take root. Missions are multiplied as teams return home with a heart more in-tune with Christ. We are grateful for all the churches who come partner with Crossroads all year. Crossroads would not exist without partnerships! See "Mark Your Calendar" on how to connect.

Stepping Up For Fall

As the seasons change, the gears shift for the ministries of Crossroads. On September 5th, Crossroads celebrates three years as a faith family. As a faith family, we are preparing to go on our first mission trip to St. Louis! We are also continuing to work on a partnership to engage an unreached

people group in India. Missions is part of the DNA of Crossroads.



We would love the opportunity to share with your faith family (church family). If you would like us to come, contact Grant to make arrangements.

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Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, October 26—Coat Give-A-Way

We need lots of coats, hoodies, gloves, & hats; our goal is 1,000 coats!

Saturday, November 23—Community Thanksgiving Dinner

We are planning on serving 900 this year. We need donations to secure the food; we also need helper the entire weekend.

Wee Care Pregnancy Help Center

Through our continued partnership with Christ the King Anglican in Pine Knot, we will be providing baby care items for mothers who receive care through the pregnancy center.

Fall Partnerships

Hygiene, Adult Care, Cleaning Supplies, School Supplies

This are always ongoing needs for the ministries. We help the following agencies: Lifeline In Home Healthcare; McCreary County Health Department; Meals On Wheels; The Family Resource Centers of the McCreary County School District; local fire departments; and more.

Pump Station Funds

We are seeking donations to purchase and install the new pump station at The Learning Center to finish the missions housing area. Would you consider a tax-deductible donation to make this happen. The mission housing ministry is an extremely important avenue for Crossroads to fund the ongoing ministries and pay for facilities.

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